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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

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In the claims:

Add claim 37-47

-- 37. A method for enabling receipt of goods or services through Internet communications, the method comprising:

receiving first data indicative of information regarding a user characteristic;

receiving from an Internet actor second data indicative of a communications characteristic for the user;

determining whether the first data and second data are related; and

enabling receipt of goods or services based upon results of the determination of whether the first data and the second data are related.

38. The method of claim 37 wherein the Internet actor comprises an Internet Services Provider.

39. The method of claim 37 wherein the communications characteristic includes a telephone number.

40. The method of claim 39 wherein the telephone number corresponds to a telephone line leveraged by the user to gain Internet connectivity.

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